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Applicant: GERHART, Gunter

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PROVIDED WITH CASTORS

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Examiner: Strimbu, G.J.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Via EFS

24 March 2008

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated 30 November 2007 from Examiner Gregory J. Strimbu of Art Unit 3634 in a good faith effort to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal.

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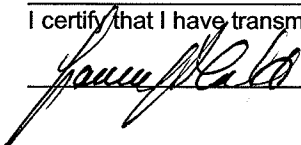
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I certify that I have transmitted this document to the USPTO this 24th day of March 2008.



STATUS

Claims 1 and 4-20 are pending in the application.

The Specification (specifically the Title) has been objected to as not descriptive.

Claim 1 has been objected to for a language issue.

Claims 1 and 4-20 have been rejected under 35 USC 112.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 12-14, and 17 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) by US Patent No. 5,671,502 to Ezman (Ezman '502).

Claims 13, 15- 17 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) by US Patent No. 4,633,615 to Moose (Moose '615).

Claims 1, 6, 7, and 9-12 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) by Moose '615 in view of US Patent No. 5,927,017 to Jacobs (Jacobs '017).

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) by Ezman '502.

Claim 18-20 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) by Moose '615 in view of Ezman '502.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE

1. Extension of Time.

This response is being filed with a separate Petition for a 1-month Extension of Time up to and including 30 March 2008, along with the fee of \$60 for a small entity.

2. No Excess Claims Fee.

Applicant has paid for twenty (20) total claims and three (3) independent claims. This response results in no more than twenty (20) total claims and three (3) independent claims and no excess claims fee is due.